## **BEFORE**

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

# SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2003-326-C

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IN RE:	)
Analysis of Continued Availability of	)
Unbundled Local Switching for Mass Market	)
Customers Pursuant to the Federal Communication	)
Commission's Triennial Review Order	)
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# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF SHERRY LICHTENBERG

On Behalf Of

MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND

MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC

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1	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, EMPLOYER AND TITLE.
2	A.	My name is Sherry Lichtenberg. I am currently employed by MCI as Senior
3		Manager, Operational Support Systems Interfaces and Facilities Development.
4	Q.	ARE YOU THE SAME SHERRY LICHTENBERG WHO PROVIDED
5		DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?
6	A.	Yes.
7	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS
8		PROCEEDING?
9	A.	The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to rebut the Direct Testimony of
10		BellSouth witnesses Kenneth L. Ainsworth, Ronald M. Pate, Alfred A. Heartley,
11		and Alphonso J. Varner.
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13		Scalability of BellSouth's Systems
14	Q.	WHY IS SCALABILITY AN ISSUE?
15	A.	BellSouth's testimony makes clear that its UNE-L provisioning processes are
16		intensively manual. As explained below, moving from UNE-P to UNE-L would
17		involve an exponential increase in UNE-L provisioning volumes. Manual
18		processing of such volumes would give rise to concern even if they were to take
19		place for a single project over a relatively short period, but in fact the manual
20		handling would have to take place day in and day out, month in and month out in
21		every affected South Carolina wire center.

1	Q.	WHAT IS THE RISK OF REQUIRING CLECS TO USE A
2		PROVISIONING PROCESS THAT MAY FAIL TO WORK PROPERLY
3		AT HIGH VOLUMES?
4	A.	The immediate risk is there would be a large increase in human errors that would
5		cause provisioning delays, customer outages and other service problems. Over
6		the longer term, negative customer experience would harm CLECs and ultimately
7		undermine local competition.
8	Q.	SEVERAL BELLSOUTH WITNESSES EMPHASIZE ITS 271
9		APPROVALS IN 2002 IN SUPPORT OF ITS UNE-L PROVISIONING
10		PROCESSES. IS THIS A VALID POINT?
11	A	No. In its Triennial Review Order, the FCC rejected the argument that the 271
12		approvals demonstrated that CLECs were not impaired without access to
13		unbundled local switching. The FCC emphasized that UNE-L volumes would
14		increase to levels much higher than were evaluated during the 271 process:
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27		While incumbent LECs reference the Commission's determination in multiple section 271 orders that BOCs provision hot cuts at a level of quality that offers efficient competitors a meaningful opportunity to compete, and argue that performance data show that current hot cut performance is satisfactory, even as the number of hot cuts has increased, we find that the number of hot cuts performed by BOCs in connection with the section 271 process is not comparable to the number that incumbent LECs would need to perform if unbundled switching were not available for all customer locations served with voice-grade loops. In the states where section 271 authorization has been granted, unbundled local circuit switching has been available and, accordingly, the BOCs' hot cut performance has generally been limited. Moreover, we find that
28 29		the issue is not how well the process works currently with limited hot cut volumes, rather the issue identified by the record is an
30 31 32		inherent limitation in the number of manual cut overs that can be performed, which poses a barrier to entry that is likely to make entry into a market uneconomic For those reasons, the

1 2 3 4		Commission's prior findings in section 271 orders do not support a finding here that competitive carriers would not be impaired if they were required to rely on the hot cut process to serve all mass market customers.
5 6		(Triennial Review Order, ¶ 469 (footnotes omitted, emphasis added).)
7	Q.	DOES BELLSOUTH PRESENT EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING THAT
8		ITS SYSTEMS CAN HANDLE MASS MARKET VOLUMES OF UNE-L
9		ORDERS?
10	A.	No. BellSouth for the most part simply promises that it can scale its systems to
11		handle higher volumes if called upon to do so. Such promises were unacceptable
12		to the FCC and should be to this Commission as well. As the FCC stated: "We
13		find incumbent LECs' promises of future hot cut performance insufficient to
14		support [an FCC] finding that the hot cut process does not impair the ability of a
15		requesting carrier to provide the service it seeks to offer without at least some sort
16		of unbundled circuit switching." (Triennial Review Order, ¶ 469 n.1437.)
17	Q.	DOES MR. VARNER'S TESTIMONY CONCERNING BELLSOUTH'S
18		PERFORMANCE METRICS SUPPORT BELLSOUTH'S CLAIM THAT
19		ITS SYSTEMS ARE SCALABLE?
20	A.	No. At best, Mr. Varner's testimony addresses BellSouth's performance with
21		respect to the current low level of UNE-L orders. To make matters worse, his
22		testimony does not give a clear picture of BellSouth's actual performance on
23		UNE-L orders. For example, at pages 18-19 of his testimony, he states that
24		85.93% of the "UNE Other" (non-UNE-P) LSRs met the flow through standard
25		over a certain period. In fact, however, most UNE-L LSRs do not flow through
26		BellSouth's systems, when LSRs that fall out for manual processing by design are

taken into account. Indeed, BellSouth recently acknowledged that for purposes of its force model, it assumed that only 37% of UNE-L LSRs would flow through its systems. In contrast, the percentage of fully mechanized UNE-P migration orders in South Carolina from July 2002 to August 2003 ranged from 50.0% to 92.6%, and the percentage was 85.0% or above in all but two months. (BellSouth response to AT&T First Interrogatory No. 32.)

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#### Q. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LOW FLOW THROUGH OF

#### **UNE-L ORDERS?**

10 A. Low flow through means that a significant number of UNE-L orders will fall out 11 of the systems and must be processed manually by BellSouth's Local Carrier 12 Service Center. Thus, not only are BellSouth's physical UNE-L hot cut processes 13 (including the processes used to notify CLECs of the status of a cut) intensively 14 manual, but its ordering processes are largely manual as well. Manual ordering 15 processes compound the problems introduced by the manual provisioning 16 processes, increasing still more the chances for human error and customer service 17 outages and other problems.

# Q. HOW DO CURRENT UNE-L INSTALLATION INTERVALS COMPARE

#### TO UNE-P INTERVALS?

Regional installation intervals for 2 wire analog loops with LNP were 5.06 days for non-design loops and 5.32 days for design loops in October 2003. During that same period, comparable UNE-P installation intervals were 0.36 days for non-dispatch orders and 1.52 days where dispatch was required. (See October 2003

23		FORCE MODEL THEY SAY PREDICTS THE NUMBER OF
22	Q.	BELLSOUTH WITNESSES AINSWORTH AND HEARTLEY DISCUSS A
21		BellSouth's systems could be expected to perform with mass market volumes.
20		exclusively on UNE-L orders. Third party testing provides no evidence of how
19		hot cut process, nor for that matter was there any volume testing that focused
18		bottom line is that BearingPoint never did volume testing of BellSouth's physical
17		involved an order mix quite different from one with just UNE-L orders. The
16		BellSouth's order processing systems without human intervention, and thus
15		performed. Moreover, TVV-2 involved mostly orders that flowed through
14		the physical provisioning process, meaning there were no actual hot cuts
13		peak and stress volumes, but fails to note that the orders tested did not go through
12		his Direct Testimony, Mr. Pate refers to another test (TVV-2) done for normal,
11		environment, such as LNP, E911, and CLEC-to-CLEC migrations. At page 13 of
10		addition, the tests did not evaluate the ancillary processes necessary in a UNE-L
9		involved low volumes of orders, either issued by BearingPoint or a CLEC. In
8		and TVV-4) at page 16 of his Direct Testimony, but both of the tests he refers to
7	A.	No. Mr. Ainsworth refers to process and transaction testing of hot cuts (PPR-9
6		SUPPORTING UNE-L ARE ADEQUATE. DO YOU AGREE?
5		PARTY TESTING AS EVIDENCE THAT BELLSOUTH'S SYSTEMS
4	Q.	BELLSOUTH WITNESSES AINSWORTH AND PATE POINT TO THIRD
3		longer than UNE-P migrations.
2		(Region).") Thus, even at current volumes UNE-L migrations take substantially
1		report entitled "FOCI UNE and Non-Design Fully Mech Non-Dispatch SQM

1		PERSONNEL THAT WOULD NEED TO BE ADDED TO HANDLE
2		ADDITIONAL VOLUMES OF HOT CUTS. DOES THIS MODEL
3		ESTABLISH WHETHER BELLSOUTH CAN SEAMLESSLY PROCESS
4		HIGH VOLUMES OF UNE-L ORDERS?
5	A.	No. To the contrary, this testimony demonstrates how intensively manual
6		BellSouth's processes are because BellSouth's only proposed way to address
7		much higher volumes of hot cuts is to hire more people. The problem that
8		BellSouth fails to acknowledge is that mass market volumes are of a different
9		order of magnitude than BellSouth's manual processes currently encounter. From
10		July 2002 to August 2003, CLECs submitted between 43 to 111 total UNE-L
11		migration orders per month in South Carolina, whereas they submitted between
12		3,175 to 12,766 total UNE-P migration orders per month during the same period.
13		(BellSouth responses to AT&T First Interrogatory Nos. 28 and 32.) Using a
14		mathematical model to calculate the number of additional people that would be
15		necessary in theory to handle such increased volumes fails to address the
16		fundamental question of whether simply staffing up can address the problem. In
17		the end, BellSouth just says "trust me." The Commission should not accept that
18		paper promise since every hot cut that fails will directly impact a South Carolina
19		consumer.
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21		Ability of BellSouth's Systems to Process All Types of UNE-L Orders
22	Q.	DOES BELLSOUTH ADDRESS ALL THE ORDERING SCENARIOS
23		YOU ADDRESSED IN YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

1	A.	No. BellSouth focuses on migrations from BellSouth to CLECs and ignores other
2		kinds of transactions, such as CLEC-to-CLEC migrations.
3	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT IS INVOLVED IN MIGRATING A
4		CUSTOMER FROM ONE CLEC TO ANOTHER.
5	A.	Of course, the loop needs to be moved from the losing CLEC's circuit appearance
6		(CFA) to the winning CLEC's CFA, but that process will not provide the
7		customer with the service that he has ordered. A CLEC-to-CLEC migration
8		requires the losing CLEC to make the loop available to the winning CLEC for re-
9		use, which requires providing the correct circuit ID (the physical identifier for the
10		circuit being used to provide the customer's service) and channel and pair
11		assignment information to the winning CLEC. In addition, the losing CLEC must
12		initiate the 10-digit LNP trigger in its switch and unlock the E911 database.
13		While BellSouth is not directly involved in this process, the customer will not
14		have the service he has requested until that process is complete. This
15		Commission should not force CLECs to move to UNE-L until the CLEC-to-
16		CLEC migration process is in place and tested, since the only "winner" in the
17		chaos that will ensue if customers are "stranded" on one CLEC's platform will be
18		BellSouth.
19	Q.	WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO DEAL WITH THE REALITY THAT
20		IMPAIRMENT ARISES NOT JUST FROM BELLSOUTH'S SYSTEMS,
21		BUT FROM OTHER INDUSTRY PLAYERS AS WELL?
22	A.	As I discussed in my Direct Testimony, operational issues should be addressed in
23		commission-sponsored industry workshops.

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3		Batch Hot Cut Process
4	Q.	HAS BELLSOUTH DEVELOPED AN ADEQUATE BATCH HOT CUT
5		PROCESS?
6	A.	No. BellSouth has developed a manually intensive batch ordering process that
7		does not provide a seamless method for transitioning existing UNE-P customers
8		to UNE-L. BellSouth's batch ordering process requires additional steps (a manual
9		spreadsheet, negotiation for due dates and a new batch LSR) to the process. In
10		addition, the process allows BellSouth to set due dates individually for each of the
11		orders in the batch. These additional steps seem to be contrary to the FCC's
12		recommendation that a batch process could simplify, streamline, and shorten the
13		UNE-P to UNE-L migration process.
14	Q.	HAS BELLSOUTH STATED THAT IT WILL MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
15		TO ITS PROCESS?
16	A.	Yes, BellSouth recently stated in its Florida surrebuttal testimony that it intends to
17		make certain improvements. I will address BellSouth's proposal after discussing
18		the problems with the existing process.
19	Q.	ARE THERE REASONS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXISTING
20		BATCH ORDERING PROCESS?
21	A.	Yes. The existing batch ordering process starts with the requirement that the
22		CLEC provide its Account Manager with a manual spreadsheet listing the lines to
23		be moved. The Account Manager has 4 business days to review the spreadsheet

and assign due dates to each of the 99 separate accounts that can be listed. (For a carrier providing residential service, the 99 accounts will translate to 99 individual customers.) The Account Manager then will return the spreadsheet to the CLEC. Unlike all other ILECs, BellSouth does not necessarily assign the same due date to each of the lines on the spreadsheet. BellSouth's apparently random date selection will not allow CLECs to plan for the transition of their customers and will create more work for all involved. Once the CLEC receives the spreadsheet with the listing of lines and proposed completion dates, the CLEC must create the batch ordering LSR – only then can the orders be submitted electronically to BellSouth's OSS. BellSouth's internal systems will "explode" a single batch LSR into multiple LSRs. This process did not exist and therefore was not tested during the 271 proceedings and BellSouth has not provided detailed documentation on how the process works, only the brief documentation available on the BellSouth CLEC web site. I am concerned that once CLECs begin to use this process, it will result in more orders falling to manual handling and more errors. At the very least, the batch ordering process adds steps to a process that should simplify the UNE-L ordering process. And because BellSouth's systems must issue multiple internal orders for each LSR, problems such as the premature disconnects, which were a problem with UNE-P until BellSouth removed its two order process, would likely recur. HOW WOULD BELLSOUTH'S BATCH ORDERING PROCESS AFFECT

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# Q. HOW WOULD BELLSOUTH'S BATCH ORDERING PROCESS AFFECT CLECS?

2 Additional software may also be necessary to accept the notifiers issued for the 3 individual LSRs created by the BellSouth internal systems, since the current 4 ordering processes for both UNE-P and UNE-L include a one-to-one correlation between orders issued and FOCs and other notifiers received. Thus, if a CLEC 5 6 submitted a batch LSR via EDI, it would expect to receive an FOC for this 7 submission, rather than FOCs for each of the orders included in the batch LSR. 8 MCI believes that the process can be enhanced very easily by removing the 9 requirement for a spreadsheet, a negotiation process, or the single "batch LSR." 10 MCI would prefer a process that provides standard due dates and allows the 11 issuance of individual LSRs, but BellSouth continues to refuse to collaborate with 12 CLECs to develop a true batch hot cut process. BellSouth is the only RBOC that 13 has not established collaboratives to develop a batch hot cut process, preferring 14 instead to simply tell CLECs and this Commission that the existing process is 15 "good enough." 16 IS BELLSOUTH'S BATCH ORDERING PROCESS EFFICIENT? 0. 17 A. No. The four business days BellSouth requires for initial negotiation is far too 18 long; the entire process from start to finish should take five business days. CLECs should not be forced to perform additional steps. Due dates should be 19

CLECs would need to develop new software to develop and send the batch LSR.

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decided in advance using a scheduling tool such as the one that that SBC and

Qwest are proposing. Communications between the ILEC and the CLEC should

be electronic, using a system similar to the Verizon WPTS hot cut tool, the Status

1		Tool recently proposed by Qwest, or the SBC-proposed PWS system. Adding
2		these tools would greatly improve BellSouth's process.
3	Q.	HOW DOES THE BATCH ORDERING PROCESS ADDRESS LINE
4		SPLIT LINES?
5	A.	My understanding is that when a customer is served by a UNE-P voice CLEC and
6		a data CLEC over a line splitting configuration where BellSouth provides the
7		splitter and the customer is being migrated to a UNE-L loop, BellSouth will
8		disconnect the CLEC line from the splitter and thus take down the customer's
9		data service. The line would then be migrated to UNE-L. Theoretically, the
10		CLEC could then order that the line splitting be re-installed using its own splitter,
11		but BellSouth has yet to provide information on how this process will be
12		accomplished, particularly if the CLEC is teaming with a data CLEC to provide
13		line splitting via a second collocation arrangement (one for data). In addition,
14		BellSouth has provided no information on how a line splitting customer served by
15		a CLEC provided splitter can be migrated to a UNE-L with a line splitting
16		arrangement. A process that does not allow the customer to retain his or her data
17		provider when he moves to UNE-L is not acceptable and harms customers

# Q. WHAT PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS HAS BELLSOUTH STATED IT

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A. BellSouth has stated that it will include CLEC-to-CLEC migrations in its batch process; guarantee that an all the lines of an end user's account will be cut on the

directly. This process must change so the customer's line splitting arrangement is

same day; include after-hours and Saturday cuts; guarantee a four-hour window for coordinated hot cuts; include a timely restoral process if there is a problem with the cut; implement a web-based communication system for non-coordinated cuts; reduce the provisioning interval to 8 days; implement a scheduling tool; and include DS0 EELs in the batch process.

## Q. WILL THESE PROBLEMS ADDRESS ALL OF MCI'S CONCERNS?

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No. Although BellSouth's proposal appears to be a step in the right direction, there are a number of problems with it. As an initial matter, BellSouth has provided little detail with its proposal and it appears that much of the proposal would be implemented after the Commission's ruling in this proceeding, so neither the Commission nor the parties will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the new process for purposes of this case. BellSouth does not state whether the due date negotiation process will continue to be required, whether CLECs will continue to be required to submit a spreadsheet listing its proposed migration orders as a prerequisite to negotiations with the project manager, and what systems will be used to update the "automated status tool." The limited level of detail BellSouth has provided does not allow this Commission or CLECs to determine whether it meets their needs.

# Q. HAVE CLECS SUBMITTED CHANGES TO THE BELLSOUTH BATCH HOT CUT PROCESS THROUGH THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS?

1	A.	Yes. CLECs have jointly submitted 7 change requests to BellSouth in an attempt
2		to "jump start" the discussions on this process. BellSouth has yet to respond to
3		these proposals.
4	Q.	MUST CHANGES BE MADE TO BELLSOUTH'S METRICS TO TAKE
5		ACCOUNT OF ITS NEW BATCH PROCESS?
6	A.	Yes. Once the new process is developed and approved, metrics will need to be
7		created to measure its effectiveness.
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9		<b>PriceWaterhouseCoopers Attestation</b>
10	Q.	MR. MCELROY DESCRIBES AN ATTESTATION BY
11		PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS ("PwC") FOR BELLSOUTH. DO YOU
12		HAVE ANY INITIAL CONCERNS ABOUT HOW THE TEST WAS
13		DONE?
14	A.	Yes. The test was performed without participation by CLECs or a public service
15		commission, which casts doubt on its objectivity, completeness and conclusions.
16		Because BellSouth has provided only limited information about the test, it is
17		impossible at this juncture for CLECs to evaluate fully the test methodology or
18		results.
19	Q.	PLEASE COMMENT ON THE SCOPE OF THE ATTESTATION.
20	A.	Only the lift and lay process was tested. Although PwC states that it issued orders
21		and reviewed the ordering process, there appears to be no data provided with
22		respect to the ordering process. Aspects of UNE-L migration such as LNP,
23		directory listings, trouble handling and 911 were not tested.

# Q. PLEASE COMMENT ON PWC'S METHODOLOGY.

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2 A. Without a test plan, it is difficult to know what PwC did or how it was done.

Based on what is provided in Mr. McElroy's testimony, it appears that the test bed

4 consisted of 750 lines that BellSouth wired to its frames in three central offices.

These lines were translated in the BellSouth switches, but did not go to a CLEC

collocation cage or switch. When the "migration order" was worked, the lines

were re-terminated on the CLEC portion of the BellSouth main distributing

frames and then run back to the switches. According to BellSouth, most of the

orders were issued using BellSouth bulk ordering process.

## 10 Q. PLEASE COMMENT ON THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BY PWC.

For 22 lines, no dial tone was detected prior to the cut, but the cuts were done anyway. If this problem existed for a live customer, and the trouble was on the loop, the customer would have continued to have problems after the cut. If customer were suspended or had had dial tone removed for some reason, the CLEC would not have wanted the cut to proceed.

For 3 lines, the was no dial tone for longer than 20-40 minutes, with no explanation given. The result for a real customer would be the inability to make calls during this period.

Two lines were cut on the wrong due date (one early and one late). In the case of an early cut, the CLEC might not have completed translations, leaving the customer with no dial tone. Or the CLEC might not be ready to activate the LNP transaction, leaving the customer unable to receive calls. The customer would call for service, the CLEC would report to it to BellSouth as a UNE-P line, and

BellSouth would show no record of the customer existing, which could take considerable time to resolve. A similar problem could occur if the cut were late. The CLEC would assume the order was rejected and would pull its translations from the switch and submit a new order to BellSouth. Indeed, a late cut is potentially more disruptive than an early cut.

One line was cut even though the telephone number was wrong. In such a case the wrong customer would have been migrated. The losing CLEC would receive a loss notice and stop billing the customer. The gaining CLEC would not bill the new customer since no order was placed for that migration. If the customer reported trouble to the losing CLEC, it would not be able to resolve it, since according to BellSouth, it would no longer own the customer. If trouble were reported to the new CLEC, it would turn the customer away, since the customer would not be in its database. BellSouth provides no explanation of why this problem happened. It simply says it was "resolved" by working with the pseudo CLEC.

For six lines, CLEC dial tone was not tested prior to the cut. If CLEC dial tone had not been present, the customer would have been migrated with no dial tone.

For 47 (according to BellSouth) or 49 (according to PwC) lines, no cutover notification was given. In a non-coordinated cut (which MCI will use for residential customers), BellSouth notifies CLECs of the cut via a fax or email apparently generated by the EnDI system. Testing showed that this system failed on at least one day and presumably more, causing 47 (or 49) notifications to be

"misplaced" and not sent. CLECs would have assumed that the customer was not cut over and thus would not have activated the LNP transaction. The customer would have been unable to receive calls. The CLEC would not be aware of the problem until the customer called to complain. The CLEC would then have to work with BellSouth to figure out what the problem was, a process that would take time and cause customer dissatisfaction.

# 7 Q. IS THIS A SMALL NUMBER OF PROBLEMS?

- 8 A. No. Out of the 724 orders observed, 81 problems were noted, or 11% of the total.
- 9 Just based on the limited information made available to CLECs about the test,
- therefore, it is clear that BellSouth's batch hot cut process is flawed and that its
- use would result in significant harm to consumers.

# 12 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

13 A. Yes, it does.

#### 1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 3 PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Betty J. DeHart, who, being duly sworn, 4 deposes and says that she is not a party to these proceedings and has no interest therein; 5 that on the 12th day of March, 2004, she served by mail the Rebuttal Testimony of Sherry 6 Lichtenberg in the above entitled case upon all counsel of record by causing same to be 7 deposited in an authorized United States Mail Box; that the envelopes containing said 8 document were properly addressed, securely wrapped and sealed and bore the proper 9 postage; and that said envelopes were addressed to the persons indicated below, and via 10 electronic mail by sending copies of same via electronic mail to the email addresses 11 indicated below. 12 13 14 F. David Butler, Esquire david.butler@psc.state.sc.us 15 16 The Public Service Commission 17 State of South Carolina 18 Post Office Drawer 11649 19 Columbia, S.C. 29211 20 21 Patrick Turner, General Counsel 22 Patrick.turner@bellsouth.com 23 BellSouth Telecommunications 24 Post Office Box 752 25 Columbia, S.C. 29202 26 27 Robert E. Tyson, Jr., Esquire 28 rtyson@sowell.com 29 Sowell, Gray, Stepp & Laffitte, LLC 30 Post Office Box 11449 31 Columbia, S.C. 29211 32 33 Elliott Elam, Acting Consumer Advocate 34 elam@dca.state.sc.us 35 South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs 36 Post Office Box 5757 37 Columbia, S.C. 29250-5757 38 39 John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire 40 jpringle@ellislawhorne.com 41 Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A. 42 Post Office Box 2285 43 Columbia, S.C. 29202

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